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Rick Atherton, Chair  
Nantucket Board of Selectmen  
Town and County Building  
16 Broad Street  
Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554

Re: Baxter Road Emergency

Dear Mr. Atherton:

As you know, I, along with James D. Masterman of Greenberg Traurig, LLP in Boston, represent Patrick Ryan, as Trustee of the Ryan Nantucket Realty Trust, the owner of the property at 110 Baxter Road.

In anticipation of the Board's workshop on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, we have reviewed the materials submitted by the Siasconset Beach Preservation Fund, Inc. ("SBPF") and are writing to join Sankaty Head Golf and Beach Club, Inc., and the Sconset Trust in supporting the SBPF proposal wholeheartedly.

Having reviewed this situation carefully, spoken and met with the various stakeholders, and consulted with our own engineer, we have concluded that the proposed revetment solution is the one that makes the best sense.

The area of Baxter Road that is in jeopardy is not only the home of many long-time island residents, but is also an historic district and one of the main tourist attractions on the island. The Sankaty Light House, the public bluff walk, and all of the historic homes that the Nantucket Historic District Commission and Sconset Trust have worked so diligently to preserve deserve protection.

In addition, the financial impacts of the loss of Baxter Road in terms of diminished tax revenue to the Town, loss of public infrastructure, and damage claims by affected landowners could cripple the Town and threaten other much needed public projects.

We urge the Board of Selectmen to adopt the declaration proposed by SBPF and enter into the proposed public-private

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partnership for the funding and construction of a revetment solution to protect and preserve the Baxter Road bluff.

We will attend the Board's workshop on the 12<sup>th</sup> and will be available to answer questions or provide any information the Board might want.

Sincerely,

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